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H. CON. RES. 145

Concerning the removal of Russian Armed Forces from Moldova.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 1996

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. WOLF, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Concerning the removal of Russian Armed Forces from
Moldova.

Whereas the United States Government has recognized and continues to emphasize its commitment to the independence and territorial integrity of the sovereign nation of Moldova;

Whereas units of the former Soviet 14th Army of the Russian Federation continue to be deployed on the territory of the sovereign nation of Moldova against the wishes of the government and the majority of the people of Moldova;

Whereas the Prime Minister of Russia and the Prime Minister of Moldova signed an agreement on October 21, 1994, according to which Russia would withdraw its military forces from Moldova within three years;

Whereas in the period since the agreement was signed, there have been negligible force reductions of the Russian Army in Moldova;

Whereas the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe has been engaged in efforts to resolve differences between the Government of Moldova and the authorities of the Transdnistria region where the Russian Army continues to be deployed, and the Government of Ukraine has offered to use its good offices to assist in these efforts; and

Whereas the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe has passed a resolution calling for the “most rapid, continuing, unconditional, and full withdrawal” of the 14th Army of the Russian Federation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) calls upon the Government of the Russian
4 Federation to adhere to the provisions of the troop
5 withdrawal agreement signed on October 21, 1994;

6 (2) welcomes recent statements by the Adminis-
7 tration supporting Moldova’s territorial integrity,
8 and urges the Secretary of State to use every appro-
9 priate opportunity and means, including multilateral
10 and bilateral diplomacy, to secure removal of Rus-
11 sian military forces from Moldova in accordance with
12 the terms of the troop withdrawal agreement;

1 (3) urges all of Moldova's neighboring countries
2 to recognize the sovereignty and territorial integrity
3 of Moldova; and

4 (4) urges the Organization for Security and Co-
5 operation in Europe to continue its efforts in resolv-
6 ing differences between the government of Moldova
7 and the authorities of the Transdnistria region, and
8 welcomes the offer by the Government of Ukraine to
9 assist in these efforts.

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